

This month in Store News you'll find that people still correspond through floating bottles, an Atlanta Braves ball player, marathon dancers as well as runners, an old war story, a beauty contest winner and some prize winning guppies.

Crochet problems? Ask Maxine for help

Maxine Tabela, service desk employee at K mart 4030, Danville, Illinois and a 20 year employee has made 80 to 100 afghans with different patterns. She has never sold one, but rather she gives them to family, friends and neighbors.

Maxine is always willing to help with crochet problems that you may run into, on new or old patterns. She gives lessons in the employee's lounge at lunch, break and after work. She even tackles the work of left handers.

What is her fee for all the help she gives to so many? Just a smile and "Thanks Maxine, I knew you would help me."

Store Reporter Wanda Siddens



From K mart 4030, Danville, Illinois, Madelin Sharp, left is shown pointers on making an afghan by Maxine Tabela.

This pen pal is bottled up

Service desk employee at K mart 3319, Columbus, Ohio, Linda Franklin, came across a dollar bill one day with a name and address on it. Also, the message "Please send back" was printed on it.

Linda sent the bill back to the Bahama Islands and recently received a reply. Her "pen pal" is 15-year-old Conrad Sealy of the Grand Bahama Islands.

According to Conrad, he spent the dollar bill two years ago at a lunch van in the Bahamas. Writing on the money and putting notes in bottles and throwing them in the ocean is his hobby. Linda now has an open invitation to visit Conrad at his home and school, if she ever gets to the Bahamas.

Store Reporter Dolores Bulderberg

Guppies, trucks and scuba gear for kicks

Assistant Manager of Kresge 287, Dayton, Ohio, Gary Schuster has hobbies galore. He breeds single and double swordtail guppies for show purposes. He has been in the International Fancy Guppy Association shows throughout the United States and has won several trophies and awards for his particular strain of fish.

Restoring old cars and trucks is another one

of Gary's hobbies. For this, he likes to use the "Body Off" restoration method. He has completed a 1952 1/2 ton Chevy Pickup and a 3/4 ton Chevy Pickup. Currently, he is working on a 1959 Ford Skyliner Convertible and hopes to do his 1970 Pontiac LeMans Convertible this summer.

On top of that, Gary is also an international open water scuba diver and has qualified at Key Largo, Florida.

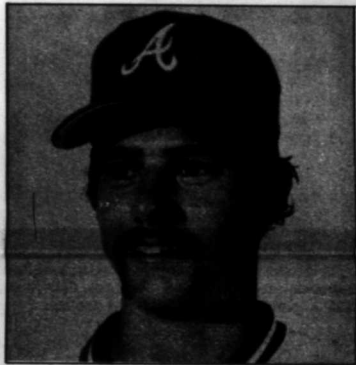
Team chairperson for March of Dimes

Manager of K mart 7255, Somerset, Kentucky, James Cary, will serve as team chairman for this year's Pulaski County Walk America to be held April 23.

Mr. Cary will recruit businesses, clubs and other organizations to join the 15-mile hike from Somerset to Burnside and back for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Last year, 7255 took top honors in the local fund drive and ranked third in the nation in department store pledges.

Store reporter Doris Rice



Steve Bedrosian, son of Jean Bedrosian, K mart 3397, North Andover, Massachusetts

Atlanta Braves player

Steve Bedrosian, son of Office Manager Jean Bedrosian of K mart 3397, North Andover, Massachusetts, was called to play with the Atlanta Braves in 1981 after compiling sterling minor league credentials.

He received his first big league win in his second game after appearing in relief against Los Angeles.

In his 1982 season, Steve was named National League Rookie pitcher of the year by the Sporting News. He had an 8-6 record with 11 saves in 64 appearances. His ERA of 2.42 ranked among leaders and he led the National League relievers with 123 strikeouts. Steve had excellent hits and strikeouts per innings ratios as evidenced by 137.2 innings pitched and only 102 hits allowed. Opponents only batted .198 against Bedrosian.

Steve participated in three combined shutouts, including one as a starter versus Chicago when he allowed just four hits in seven innings. He began the season as a spot starter and middle reliever but Braves manager Joe Torre soon found that with his blazing fast ball, clocked at over 95 miles per hour, Steve would be more useful in short relief.

A 27 inning scoreless streak from June 26 to July 27 last summer tied the National League

high for 1982, allowing just eight hits in that 10 game span.

Store Reporter Lorraine Jonas

On call

Rich Pfalzgraf, stockperson at K mart 7129, Meadville, Pennsylvania, is depended on for a lot more than seeing that the freight is unloaded and put in its proper place in the stockroom.

When a medical emergency arises within the store, Rich is the first person to be called. He is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on call 24 hours a day.

Rich, a 25-year-old native of Meadville, became involved with basic and advanced First-Aid training as a volunteer Fireman for six years with the Vernon Central Volunteer Fire Department. He received Emergency Medical Technician State Certification two and a half years ago after taking the EMT course and passing the EMT test.

Recently a program on safety was held at 7129, conducted by the Vernon Central Rescue Squad. Rich was there as a member of that squad to give the state's emergency squad and the employees some timely tips.

Store Reporters Theresa Bean

I'd rather be dancing

Craig Bixler and Patty Strauch, employees at K mart 9158, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, were among the 61 finishers in a 50 hour dance marathon. The marathon was held in support of the Home Health Services Program in Bloomsburg.

Through the efforts of the participating dancers, \$11,000 was raised.

Fellow employees supported Craig and Patty in their effort and were proud that they finished the full 50 hours of dancing.

Successful blood drive

K mart 9558, Harrisburg, Illinois recently participated in a Red Cross Blood Drive.

There was a 62 percent turnout, helping to make the day a real success. It was the first time for most of the employees to donate blood. Although most say that they were scared at first, the knowledge that they may be saving a life made it all worthwhile.

Special recognition goes to automotive employee Frank Starnes who has given over 14 gallons of blood since 1959, a remarkable contribution.

Store Reporter Dori Baker



Employees of K mart 9558, Harrisburg, Illinois. Front row, left to right: Chris Cape, Susan Howton, Mary Martin, Carleen Seagraves, Janie Whitlock, Shirley Blackman, Judy Owens, Debbie Cox, Joleen Brown. Back row, left to right: Sharon Warren, Frank Nuber, Vickie Gerken, Carla Whitlock, Shawn Simmons, Harold Hall, I. Bentley, Tom Highfill, Harry Gerken.